



# Kentucky Derby Update

Thursday, Sept. 3, 2020

## TIZ THE LAW JOGS OVER SLOPPY TRACK IN ADVANCE OF KENTUCKY DERBY 146

LOUISVILLE, KY (Thursday, Sept. 3, 2020) – Sackatoga Stable's **Tiz the Law** jogged twice around the Churchill Downs main track Thursday morning with trainer **Barclay Tagg** alongside on a pony over a track turned sloppy by heavy rain that began before 4 o'clock (all times Eastern) and continued through 8 a.m.

The rain, that has been the main story the past two days during training hours, is forecast to be a nonfactor the rest of the week. Friday, for the 146th running of the \$1.25 Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI) and five other graded stakes is forecast to be sunny with a high in the upper 70s and with Derby Day being sunny with the high in the low 80s.

**ATTACHMENT RATE** – **Jim Bakke** and **Gerald Isbister's** Ellis Park Derby runner-up **Attachment Rate** had a light 1 ½ mile gallop in the slop Thursday morning at Churchill Downs. **Attachment Rate** will be trainer **Dale Romans'** 11<sup>th</sup> starter in the Kentucky Derby.

"We've run really well for a span of three years when **Paddy O'Prado** (third, 2010), **Shackleford** (fourth, 2011) and **Dullahan** (third, 2012) almost won the whole thing," **Romans** said. "It's just an honor to be involved in the Derby and this horse keeps showing he's not reached his best, yet."

**AUTHENTIC/THOUSAND WORDS** – Stablemates **Authentic** and **Thousand Words** each put in maintenance gallops Thursday morning, with the latter also schooling in the new 20-horse starting gate, as rain once again soaked the Louisville area.

"It's hard to tell because they both haven't had a chance to train on a dry track here," trainer **Bob Baffert** said. "But they're all doing well."

Both colts are aiming to give their Hall of Fame conditioner what would be a record-tying sixth Kentucky Derby victory Saturday. In addition to potentially giving **Baffert** a new milestone, **Authentic** and **Thousand Words** also are each vying to provide the powerful **Spendthrift Farm** operation its first triumph in the 10-furlong classic.

**Spendthrift Farm** co-owns **Thousand Words** along with **Albaugh Family Stables** and acquired a majority interest in **Authentic** in June to join forces with **Starlight Racing**, **Madaket Stables**, and **My Racehorse**.

Even before **Spendthrift** bought into **Authentic**, they were already rooting for the colt since they stand his sire, **Into Mischief**, who topped the general sire list in 2019.

"(Authentic's) last work was very impressive, great gallop out. We couldn't be more excited about his chances and standing **Into Mischief** makes it double the fun if he were to pull this off," said **Ned Toffey**, general manager of **Spendthrift Farm**.

Where **Authentic** was already an established runner when **Spendthrift** joined the team, **B. Wayne Hughes'** operation got in on the ground floor with **Thousand Words**, having purchased the son of **Pioneerof the Nile** with the **Albaugh** family for \$1 million out of the 2018 Keeneland September Yearling sale. After going off form earlier this year, **Thousand Words** righted the ship when he captured the **Shared Belief** Stakes on Aug. 1.

"His win in the **Shared Belief** seems to have turned him into a different horse," **Toffey** said. "He's a little bit more like we saw as a 2-year-old. He's worked well, he's much more aggressive in his works. Really excited about his chances."

**ENFORCEABLE** – **John Oxley's** **Enforceable** emerged from the **Casse Racing** shedrow early Thursday, taking to the track around 5:50 a.m. to jog and gallop under assistant trainer **David Carroll** as heavy rain hit the area.

Trainer **Mark Casse** is driving up from his home in **Ocala, Fla.** and is expected to arrive in **Louisville** Thursday afternoon.

**FINNICK THE FIERCE** – With co-owner and trainer **Rey Hernandez** in the saddle, **Finnick the Fierce** skipped over the slop during his gallop as rain drenched the Churchill Downs track for a second straight morning.

The gelded son of **Dialed In** had made three prior starts beneath the **Twin Spires** with his best outing being a runner-up effort in the **Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes** (GII) last November where he finished ahead of Grade I winner and Kentucky Derby favorite **Tiz the Law**.

"He always showed a lot of talent, he was very smart," said **Hernandez** who owns **Finnick the Fierce** along with **Arnaldo Monge**. "When we ran in the **Kentucky Jockey Club**, it was pretty much the eventual top 3-year-olds in that race. And when you run second over the same track you run the Derby, it gives you a good feeling."

**HONOR A. P.** – **C R K Stable's** **Honor A. P.** came out on the track at 7:30 a.m. during the special training time allotted to Oaks and Derby horses and galloped 1 ½ miles with exercise rider **Javier Hernandez**. The **Honor Code** colt also visited the paddock as part of his morning training routine.

"Everything's good," trainer **John Shirreffs** said as he held a playful **Honor A.P.** for his morning bath.

**KING GUILLERMO** – **Victoria's Ranch's** **King Guillermo** had an unscheduled walk day Thursday and a decision to run in the Kentucky Derby is expected late Thursday afternoon.

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**MAJOR FED** – **Lloyd Madison Farm's Major Fed** galloped a mile prior to schooling in the Kentucky Derby starting gate for trainer **Greg Foley**.

"**Fred Schwartz, Jim Bakke** and I have worked 24 years to watch one of our horses break from the Derby gate," co-owner **Tim Sweeney** said. "The Foleys have worked three generations for this. To have one of our homebreds get us in the race is very satisfying. We are a longshot but we'll take a shot."

**MAX PLAYER** – **George Hall** and **SportBLX Thoroughbred Corp.**'s **Max Player**, had a strong 1 ½-mile gallop over the sloppy track at 5:50 a.m. under regular exercise rider **Juan Vargas**.

"The horse is coming into the race in great shape," said Hall of Fame trainer **Steve Asmussen**, who is seeking his first Kentucky Derby victory after collecting two seconds and two thirds in 20 previous tries. "He goes over the racetrack very well. I think his energy level is great. Obviously, excited about Saturday."

**MONEY MOVES** – The **Todd Pletcher**-trained **Money Moves** wore the **D. Wayne Lukas** saddle towel for a second straight morning as he galloped over the soggy Churchill Downs track during the special 7:30 a.m. training period for Oaks and Derby contenders.

Lukas is overseeing the preparations for **Money Moves** on behalf of his protégé **Pletcher**, who will remain in Saratoga for the conclusion of that meet this weekend. Owned by **Robert LaPenta** and **Bortolazzo Stable**, **Money Moves** will be making just his fourth career start when he breaks from post seven in the Kentucky Derby field Saturday.

"I need to analyze it a little closer but always in the Derby, everyone is trying to get position going into the first turn. Even though they have a new starting gate, that won't change," **Pletcher** said. "He's a horse who has some tactical speed so I think we'll try and establish position going into the first turn and work out the best trip from there."

**MR. BIG NEWS** – **Allied Racing Stables' Mr. Big News** galloped about 1 ½ miles under exercise rider **Simon Camacho** Thursday at 7:30 a.m.

"We're taking a shot but I've never won a race I haven't entered," owner **Chester Thomas** said.

**NECKER ISLAND** – With rain pouring down, **Necker Island** jogged two miles for the second day in a row under **Hillary Hartman**.

"With the rain and all, we decided to jog another day," trainer **Chris Hartman** said. "He has done enough already."

Necker Island, who will be ridden by **Miguel Mena**, is owned by the partnership of **Raymond Daniels, Wayne Scheer** and **Will Harbut Racing**.

**NY TRAFFIC** – On his second morning at Churchill Downs, **John Fanelli, Cash is King, Paul Braverman** and **Team Hanley's Ny Traffic** jogged once around over a wet Churchill

Downs track at 7:30 and trainer **Saffie Joseph Jr.** reported the horse was "doing well."

The **Cross Traffic** colt has been steadily improving since adding blinkers following a third-place finish in the Risen Star Stakes (GII) Feb. 15. He has had three straight second-place finishes since that Fair Grounds race, including a narrow loss to **Authentic** in the Haskell Invitational (GI) July 18 in his most recent start.

"Blinkers seem to have really taken him to a new aspect," **Joseph** said. "He's more steady in his races, more focused. He's been on the improve. All we need is one more improvement from him and he's going to be a horse that is going to make a name for himself Saturday."

**SOLE VOLANTE** – Because of the second morning of a wet track, **Reeves Thoroughbreds** and **Andie Biancone's Sole Volante** continued his routine of jogging alongside the pony Thursday morning during the 7:30 a.m. special training time with his co-owner in the saddle. **Andie Biancone**, who also has been handling the training duties for her father **Patrick Biancone**, said the gelding continues to do well leading into Saturday's race.

**SOUTH BEND** – Sporting his new Kentucky Derby saddle towel, **South Bend** took to the track and galloped about 1 ¼ miles during the special 7:30 a.m. training session for Oaks and Derby horses and also stood in the new 20-horse gate.

South Bend was deemed a 50-1 longshot on the morning line, but his Hall of Fame trainer **Bill Mott** knows a thing or two about pulling a Kentucky Derby upset. The **Mott**-trained **Country House** was elevated to the victory in last year's classic at odds of 65-1 after **Maximum Security** crossed the wire first but was disqualified because of interference.

South Bend is winless in eight starts this year and was most recently fourth in the Travers Stakes (GI).

"You know last year was very special and we had two very legitimate horses (with **Country House** and **Tacitus**)," said **Kenny McCarthy**, assistant to trainer **Bill Mott**. "This horse, he's a very consistent horse if you look at all his races and he tries hard every time. His Travers race was certainly not a bad race. He obviously needs to move forward off of that race but he seems to like this track here. We've seen over the years that some horses look like a cinch coming in but they couldn't get it done."

**STORM THE COURT** – **Exline-Border Racing, David Bernsen, Susanna Wilson** and **Dan Hudock's Storm the Court** galloped 1 ¼ miles under **Thomas Dubaele**, assistant to trainer **Peter Eurton**.

Following training, **Storm the Court** had a paddock schooling session that earned a thumbs up from **Eurton**.

In the Derby, **Storm the Court** will be ridden for the first time by **Julien Leparoux. Flavien Prat**, who has ridden **Storm the Court** in eight of his nine starts including a victory in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (GI), opted not to travel to Churchill Downs where he won last year's Derby on **Country House**.

"When **Flavien** told us he wasn't going, we knew **Julien** was one of the best riders around (who didn't have a Derby mount) and we didn't go any further," **Eurton** said.

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**TIZ THE LAW** – **Sackatoga Stable's** morning line Kentucky Derby favorite **Tiz the Law** jogged two miles with **Heather Smullen** aboard with trainer **Barclay Tagg** accompanying the two on his pony.

"I wish I could have done more with him, but couldn't because we've had two days of hard rain," Tagg said. "He'll gallop tomorrow and he'll school in the paddock today during the fourth race."

Tiz the Law's only career defeat to date came in the Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes (G2) last year at Churchill when he was third. When asked if he was a different horse this year, Tagg said: "He's the same horse. He's more experienced, of course. I don't think it was a lack of experience that got him beat last year. It was an off track and he came out a bit slow. The pace cooked him. He's been pretty nice ever since."

Smullen, who has served as Tiz the Law's regular work rider, was impressed with Tiz the Law from the get-go.

"It was his 2-year-old year and he did everything so easily," Smullen said. "Other horses are working hard and he goes along at a nice easy pace."

**WINNING IMPRESSION** – **West Point Thoroughbreds** and **Pearl Racing's Winning Impression** jogged a mile Thursday at 5:30 a.m. for trainer **Dallas Stewart**.

"We're all good," Stewart succinctly said.

#### KENTUCKY OAKS UPDATE

**BAYERNESS** – **Belladonna Racing's Bayerness** arrived in Barn 43 Thursday morning at Churchill Downs.

Bayerness will be first starter in the Kentucky Oaks for trainer **Cherie DeVaux**.

**DONNA VELOCE** – **Kaleem Shah, Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith's Donna Veloce** jogged a mile alongside a pony with John Stock aboard Thursday morning in the rain.

**Carlos Santamaria**, assistant to trainer **Simon Callaghan**, said Donna Veloce would go to the track to train in the morning around 5:30. Training hours Friday and Saturday are 5:15-8 with the 5:15-5:30 window reserved for Derby and Oaks horses.

Donna Veloce will be making her first start in nearly six months and Santamaria has hopes for how the 1 1/8-mile race will unfold.

"She will sit behind the speed," Santamaria said. "I am pretty sure there will be two or three maybe four horses (vying for the lead) and we will lay four or five lengths off. Then we will make a run on the outside and hope the speed stops."

**DREAM MARIE** – Delaware Oaks (GIII) runner-up **Dream Marie** walked the shedrow Thursday morning, which is her normal prerace preparations according to her 24-year-old trainer **Matthew Williams**, who has been training for two years.

Williams is a native of Kingston, Jamaica, where his grandfather owns a stud farm and is a champion breeder. He

trains the **Graydar** filly on behalf of his family's **Miracle's International Trading Inc.**

**GAMINE** – Taking to the track at 9 a.m., **Michael Lund Petersen's Gamine**, the even-money, morning line favorite for the Kentucky Oaks, put in her final routine gallop under **Humberto Gomez** on Thursday as she aims to give trainer **Bob Baffert** his fourth win in the signature race for 3-year-old fillies. Should the daughter of **Into Mischief** prevail Friday, it would mark the first time Baffert has won the Oaks with the favorite since **Silverbulletday** achieved that feat in 1999.

"I thought (champion) **Indian Blessing** was brilliant but this filly, what she's done is amazing," Baffert said of Gamine. "Her Acorn (an 18 3/4-length win) was....I did not expect that. And in the Test, she was probably training even better heading into that. She's doing well. We'll see how far she can carry that speed."

Gamine heads into the Oaks have captured the Acorn (GI) and Test Stakes (GI) in her past two outings by a combined 25 3/4 lengths. Should her brilliance carry her to victory in the Oaks, she would also put Baffert in position to become the first trainer to notch the Oaks-Derby double since **Ben Jones** achieved the feat in 1952. Baffert has two entrants in the Kentucky Derby with Grade 1 winner **Authentic** and multiple graded stakes winner **Thousand Words**.

"Right now, I'm just trying to get them there," Baffert said. "I took baby steps with (Gamine). Now that she's done what she's done, her resume looks great. She just needs to add the Oaks and that would be the cherry on top."

Petersen purchased Gamine for \$1.8 million out of the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Two-Year-Olds Training Sale and a win Friday would make her the highest-priced Oaks winner sold at public auction since **Rags to Riches** -- a \$1.9 million yearling purchase -- was victorious in 2007.

"She's just a real elegant looking filly, a lot of leg on her," Baffert said. "She looked like a queen (at the sale). We call her Queen Gamine. You don't know how they're going to pan out but once we started working with her, she showed right off the bat that she was going to be something special. But I had trouble getting her (entered in a race) because everybody knew about her at Santa Anita. It took me a month to get her in. Every time I entered her, they knew she was in there."

**HOPEFUL GROWTH** – **St. Elias Stable's Monmouth Oaks (GIII) winner Hopeful Growth** had her first trip over the Churchill Downs surface Thursday under the watchful eye of **Dale Romans**, who is deputizing for trainer **Anthony Margotta**. Romans reported that the filly has been doing well since arriving Wednesday from her Monmouth Park base.

**SHEDARESTHEDEVIL** – **Qatar Racing, Flurry Racing and Big Aut Farm's Shedaresthedevil** galloped an easy 1 1/2 miles with **Edvin Vargas** in the boot for trainer **Brad Cox**.

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**SPEECH – Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Madaket Stables and Heider Family Stable's Speech** galloped a little more than a mile under exercise rider **Osman Cedeno**.

Trainer **Michael McCarthy** will have **Javier Castellano** aboard Speech Friday for the third time following a victory in the Ashland (GI) and a victory via disqualification at Oaklawn Park.

"I am looking for a clean break and let Javier take it from there," McCarthy said.

**SWISS SKYDIVER** – Returning to her regular routine, **Peter J. Callahan's** multiple stakes winner **Swiss Skydiver** galloped 1 ½ miles over a sloppy track Thursday at 5:30 a.m. The **Daredevil** filly had been coming out with the other Oaks fillies during the special 7:30 training time, but trainer **Kenny McPeck** said the filly prefers going out early and prior to this week always went out in the first or second set.

**TEMPERS RISING – Mark and Nancy Stanley's Tempers Rising** had a scheduled walk day for trainer **Dallas Stewart**.

"I always like to walk her before she runs," Stewart said.

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## RESCHEDULED KENTUCKY DERBY WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Friday, Sept. 4, 2020 – Kentucky Oaks Day

- First of 13 Races: 11 a.m. ET (TV)
  - Race 1 – 11 a.m. (FS2)
  - Race 2 – 11:30 a.m. (FS2)
  - Race 3 – 12 p.m. (FS2)
  - Race 4 – 12:35 p.m. (FS2)
  - Race 5 – 1:10 p.m. (FS2)
  - Race 6 – 1:45 p.m. (FS2)
  - Race 7 – 2:20 p.m. (FS2)
  - Race 8 (TBA Stakes)– 3:05 p.m. (NBCSN)
  - Race 9 (TBA Stakes)– 3:40 p.m. (NBCSN)
  - Race 10 (TBA Stakes)– 4:15 p.m. (NBCSN)
  - Race 11 (TBA Stakes)– 4:50 p.m. (NBCSN)
  - Race 12 (Longines Kentucky Oaks) – 5:45 p.m. (NBCSN)
  - Race 13 (TBA Stakes) – 6:20 p.m. (FS2)
- Stakes Races:
  - \$1.25 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI), 3yo f, 1 1/8 M
  - \$500,000 La Troienne presented by Oak Grove Gaming (GI), f&m, 1 1/16 M
  - \$400,000 Alysheba presented by Sentient Jet (GII), 4&up, 1 1/16 M
  - \$300,000 Eight Belles presented by TwinSpires.com (GII), 3yo f, 7 F
  - \$300,000 Edgewood presented by Forcht Bank (GII), 3yo f, 1 M (I)
  - \$250,000 Twin Spires Turf Sprint presented by Sysco (GII), 3&up, 5 ½ F (I)
- TV:
  - Kentucky Oaks Undercard, FS2, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. ET (Churchill Downs races not available 3-6 p.m.)
  - Kentucky Oaks, NBCSN, 3-6 p.m. ET

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### **Saturday, Sept. 5, 2020 – Kentucky Derby Day**

- First of 14 Races: 11 a.m. ET (TV)
  - Race 1 – 11 a.m. (FS1)
  - Race 2 – 11:30 a.m. (FS1)
  - Race 3 – 12 p.m. (FS1)
  - Race 4 – 12:35 p.m. (FS1)
  - Race 5 – 1:10 p.m. (FS1)
  - Race 6 – 1:45 p.m. (FS1)
  - Race 7 – 2:20 p.m. (FS2)
  - Race 8 (TBA Stakes) – 2:55 p.m. (NBC)
  - Race 9 (TBA Stakes) – 3:35 p.m. (NBC)
  - Race 10 (TBA Stakes) – 4:07 p.m. (NBC)
  - Race 11 (TBA Stakes) – 4:39 p.m. (NBC)
  - Race 12 (TBA stakes) – 5:17 p.m. (NBC)
  - Race 13 (Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic) – 5:50 p.m. (NBC)
  - Race 14 (Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve) – 7:02 p.m. (NBC)
- Stakes Races:
  - \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (GI), 3yo, 1 1/4 M
  - \$1 million Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic (GI), 4&up, 1 1/8 M (I)
  - \$500,000 Derby City Distaff presented by Derby City Gaming (GI), f&m, 7 F
  - \$500,000 Longines Churchill Distaff Turf Mile (GII), f&m, 1 M (I)
  - \$500,000 Pat Day Mile presented by LG&E and KU (GII), 3yo, 1 M
  - \$500,000 American Turf presented by Smithfield (GII), 3yo, 1 1/16 M (I)
  - \$200,000 Iroquois presented by Ford (GIII), 2yo, 1 M
- TV:
  - Kentucky Derby Undercard, FS1, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; FS2, 2-6:30 p.m. (Churchill Downs races not available 2:30-7:20 p.m.)
  - Kentucky Derby, NBC, 2:30-7:30 p.m. ET

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